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FRANCE'S RUHR WARNING.

GERMAN MINISTERS HARRED.

BRUSSELS, February 22.
A message from Essen says that General Degoutte has instructed the police and other authorities in the Ruhr to arrest any German minister contravening the order not to enter the occupied zone and to bring him before the Military Court, otherwise sanctions such as the punishment of the town concerned will be applied.

From Gelsenkirchen it is learned that a hundred million marks have been collected by the French composed of 83 million municipal emergency currency, 17 million from the railway treasury but the municipal currency is out of circulation and the public is warned against accepting it.

A BRUSH AT BOCHUM.

BOCHUM, February 22.
While French troops with a tank were occupying the law courts the crowd hooted when upon a young soldier lost his head and unprovoked fired point blank at ten yards distance killing one workman and seriously injuring two others. Enraged, the people manhandled a French civilian who was rescued by the police.

STILL GOING STRONG.

SENATE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
By agreement the Ship Subsidy Bill was laid aside at nine last night to permit consideration of conference reports on the Appropriation Bill after which the Senate adjourned until nine in the morning when the filibuster was resumed. A filibuster started in the House of representatives last night on a secondary issue but lasted only a few hours.

AN AUDIENCE OF ONE.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
Continuing the filibuster Senator Gooding spoke for seventy minutes on the stabilization of wheat prices. Senator McKellar followed on a number of topics, his sole auditor being the Republican Senator Jones who is in charge of the Bill. In commemoration of Washington's birthday Senator Glass took up the filibuster, reading Washington's farewell address.

DIPLOMATIC DRINK QUIET.

AMOUNTS NOT DISCLOSED.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon informed the House of Representatives that it was incompatible with the public interest to disclose the amount of liquor imported by foreign diplomatic representatives.

The mysterious source of a large quantity of liquor which the prohibition officials allege is at present being consumed in Washington led the House of Representatives to authorise an enquiry as to the importation of diplomatic liquor.

SPECIAL PROFITS SUBST.

AGITATION IN COMMONS.

LONDON, February 22.
In the House of Commons, questioned at to whether he was prepared to introduce legislation to secure for the state portion of large profits like the Imperial Tobacco Company's, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said a special surtax was a matter of argument and would be raised in the forthcoming budget debate.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, February 22.
The Executive Council of the Empire Exhibition has adopted the report of Sir Johnstone Hicks.

FRENCH SENATE'S NEW PRESIDENT.

PARIS, February 22.
M. Dumérive was elected President of the Senate by 142 votes to 133. The latter were cast for M. D. R. Gérin, Vice-President of the Senate.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 15/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/3 15/16.

BRITISH DEBT SETTLEMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES RATIFY BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
The House of Representatives has ratified the Anglo-American Debt Settlement bill.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
The House of Representatives adopted the Senate amendments to the Debt Settlement Bill of which the principal one provides for Congressional instead of Presidential approval of agreements with other nations.

BILLION DOLLAR BILLS.

WASHINGTON, February 22.
The British bonds under the debt settlement will be of the largest denominations ever issued from the Bank of Engraving. The greatest will probably be for a billion dollars.

FRANCE AND SOVIET.

RELATIONS BEING RESUMED.

PARIS, February 22.
The Echo National says that Cabinet has decided to re-open negotiations with the Soviet Government and a mission will be despatched a month hence.

REPORT OFFICIALLY DENIED.

PARIS, February 22.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies that it is being contemplated to resume diplomatic relations with Russia and states that there is no question of despatching a political mission thither.

M.C.C.'S SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

LAST MATCH OF THE SERIES.

DOXAN, February 22.
In connection with the series of five test matches arranged for the M.C.C.'s tour England has won two and South Africa one and two have been drawn. In cloudy weather on an easy wicket England won by 109. South Africa were out for 234, Taylor putting together 102 runs in four and half hours, and hitting six fours. They gallantly fought a hopeless battle against splendid English bowling and fielding. Kennedy took 5 for 76.

ANCIENT TEMPLE FOUND.

LINK WITH NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22.
Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director of the British Museum, who is at present touring the United States, has received news of the discovery by a joint expedition from the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania of an ancient temple in the Chaldæan city of Ur built three thousand years before Christ and repaired by Nebuchadnezzar.

BURNED CANADIAN CHURCHES.

INSURANCE COMPANIES' ACTION.

MONTREAL, February 22.
As the result of the recent suspicious fire, the insurance companies have cancelled all policies in regard to churches, schools and religious institutions in Canada and have instructed their agents to renew the policies at new rates representing increases of from 32 to 50 per cent.

RAISING THE WIND.

ARGENTINE'S NEW LOANS.

Buenos Aires, February 22.
The Government has submitted to Congress a Bill for a foreign loan of 100 million gold pesos at six per cent at 92 and an internal loan of 700 million paper pesos to consolidate the country's floating debt.

PRINCE GEORGE.

FURTHER OPERATION.

LONDON, February 22.
Prince George underwent a further operation at Buckingham Palace in the morning. It was of a minor character and was quite successful.

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IRELAND'S CHALLENGE.

DOXAN, February 22.
Ireland has issued a challenge to the Davis Cup.

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Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 15, 1923.

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By Order,

E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

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Hongkong, February 19, 1923.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 12th February to Saturday 24th February 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of The Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 17th February, 1922, until TUESDAY, 27th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHAW, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 8, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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H. BIRKETT,
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Hongkong, February 18, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, February 18, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, February 18, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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The entrance for Members and those holding Tickets for Members' Enclosure will be at the Middle Gate, Tiffin, and Refreshments will be served every day in the Jockey Club Stand, Tables for which can be reserved at Wiseman's.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

LEO LONGINOTTO (deceased).

ALL CLAIMS in respect of the estate of the above, or of any goods or chattels now stored on premises recently occupied by the above, should be sent to me not later than March 7th next.

G. N. ORME,
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Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

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Beef Sirloin—Met Lung Pa	26	24	12
Prime Cut	26	24	12
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	20	23	20
Rib—Shin	16	24	22
Breast—Ngau Nam	22	20	18
Soup—Tong Yuk	12	20	—
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	25	24	22
Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan	30	28	20
Steak—Ngau Cheung	20	24	18
Beef Brain—Ngau No pic nob	10	18	14
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	60	—	—
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	each 50 cents	—	—
Ham—Ngau Tan	each 1.00	1.00	1.00
Heart—Ngau Sam	18	13	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	22	20	18
Feet—Ngau Kuk—each	12	10	12
Kidneys—Ngau Yin	12	10	13
—Ngau Mei	20	20	23
Liver—Ngau Kon	18	14	14
Tripe (unbreaded), Ngau To	2	6	7
Calves' Head and Feet—Young	1.00	1.00	1.00
—	each 50 cents	—	—
Matson Chop—Keng Fel Kwan	16	28	25
Lob—Young Pa	36	26	25
Shoulder—Young Shua	34	24	24
Saddle—Young On Yuk	36	26	27
Mr's Chilling—Chu Chong	38	35	

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 1923.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

From this distance, the Senate's bill against the Ship Subsidy Bill has distinctly comical aspects. The gentlemen who are trying to talk the measure to death evidently possess both endurance and ingenuity. Talking solidly for ten hours is no mean feat. Any average ability politician might have succeeded in bringing cooperative marketing into a debate about a ship subsidy, but it must have required considerable dialectical skill to introduce the subject of "Tutankhamen's" tomb. However, rivolous these tactics may seem here, they are taken with deadly gravity in America, for upon the outcome depends the fate of the bill, for several years anyway. Recognizing that it is even more unpopular than the New Tariff and the Soldiers' Bonus, President Harding has withheld the bill until the last possible moment, in the hope that it can be rushed through Congress just before adjournment. The bill's opponents, however, estimate that they have sufficient oratorical talent to prolong the filibuster until the end. Should they succeed, the measure will have been killed, because it would have not the least chance with the new Congress which replaces the present one next month. Washington correspondents report that the very aggressive Farmers' "Bloc," representing perhaps one-third of the American community, strongly resents the taking of Government money to come to the United States to travel in American ships. Finally, the item of the shipping bill—whereas agriculturists must pay 6 and 7 per cent. on mortgage loans, and even up to 9 per cent. ordinary loans. Furthermore, it is generally agreed that the Government should not go on losing £5,000,000 a month in operating ships and getting nowhere. The only obvious alternative most people can see is to

sell the ships for what they will bring and charge the loss to America's war account. This view is summed up by Mr. Henry Gibbons, former assistant counsel of the United States Shipping Board, and Emergency Fleet Corporation, who declares that the subsidy, economically ungrounded, is in effect an attempt to lift oneself by pulling at one's bootstraps. "If the shipping business cannot support itself and stand on its own bottom, as must every other business," says Mr. Gibbons, "let it fall." However, every criticism despite President Harding has set his heart on the bill, convinced it is the solution of a national problem. The Government now owns 10,000,000 tons of steel ships. Expert opinion holds that half must be scrapped because they cannot be operated profitably. The other 5,000,000 tons, it is claimed, represent good commercial steamers, comparing with the world's best carriers. State ownership having failed with huge losses, the Government is trying to make possible the absorption of this 5,000,000 tons by private interests. But this course requires heavy State aid "to enable American shipping companies to meet keen foreign competition during the first few years of their fight for an enduring foothold in various trades." The ship subsidy bill is designed to grant that aid. "Under its provisions traffic to and from the Philippines becomes 'coasting trade' and exempt from foreign competition. A ship going from New York through the Panama Canal, and from Pacific ports to the Philippines, will be 'coastal' American ships will receive the business hitherto done by the army transport service. The law will require that at least 50 per cent. of the immigrants coming to the United States shall shipwreck at 2 per cent.—this is one of the items of the shipping bill—whereas agriculturists must pay 6 and 7 per cent. on mortgage loans, and even up to 9 per cent. ordinary loans. Furthermore, it is generally agreed that the Government should

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and fair competition. Voicing this view, Sir Frederick Lewis declares that never has Britain sought to take advantage of the position in which her possession of old-established trade routes, won by years of steady building, has placed her. This statement Sir Frederick supports with a survey of shipping history since 1845 when Britain threw

FOOTBALL.
NOTES AND COMMENT.
TOMORROW'S GAMES.

The following games are down for decision to-morrow:

CHALLENGE SHIELD SENIOR DIVISION.

SEMI-FINAL REPLAY.

King's v. South China Athletic. Sookumboo. "A" ground. Kick off at 4.15 p.m. sharp.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE.

Kowloon v. Durban. Kowloon (Hungton) ground. Ambrose v. Club. Club ground. Titas v. Police. Navy. "A" ground. R.G.A. v. Tamar. St. Joseph's ground. Kick off at 4.15 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

Durban v. University. Navy "A" ground. St. Joseph's v. United. St. Joseph's ground.

South China "B" v. King's Sookumboo. "A" ground. Ambrose v. R.G.A. Navy "B" ground.

South China "A" v. Auxiliaries. South China ground. Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

MONDAY'S MARATHON.

EIGHTHEN TO COMPETE.

Originally fixed for last Monday, but subsequently postponed on account of the Interport Football, the annual Marathon race of the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association is to be held on Monday next.

The race which is open only to Europeans, starts outside St. Andrews Church at 5 p.m. and will follow the same route as last year, namely along Nathan Road and through Homantin to Kowloon City, and then through the Kowloon Dock and Hunghom back to the starting point.

The entries which closed last Friday, total 18 of which 5 are civilians, and the remainder soldiers and sailors.

Mr. A. Mair, last year's winner, it is regrettable to learn, will not take part in the race this year owing to a slight injury to his foot.

The most fancied competitor this year is a naval man named Bell who comes here with a good record having represented the Navy in several races at Stamford Bridge.

UNUSUAL CANDOUR.

SEVEN YEARS FOR ARMS POSSESSION.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, Yee Wai was sentenced by the Chief Justice to two years' hard labour for the unlawful possession at Yau Ma Tei, on January 23, of one revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Prisoner, who admitted the charge, was arrested in a tenement at No. 111, Battery Street, during a police raid conducted by Inspector Murphy. The revolver, which was fully loaded, was concealed in defendant's girdle. Inspector Murphy told the Court that when placed under arrest, prisoner told him that he had brought the revolver down from the country to commit an armed robbery at a grocer's shop.

LEGAL AND GENERAL.

The Constitutional Reform Association holds its sixth annual meeting to-night.

One Chinese case of diphtheria and two of cerebro-spinal fever were reported yesterday.

To meet the need of Peak residents services will be held in the Peak Church next Sunday at 8.15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Viscount Combermere was a passenger by the "Empress of Russia" yesterday. He served in the war as a lieutenant in the R.G.A. and was wounded.

Shareholders are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place to-morrow at noon, in the City Hall.

An invitation to attend the races is extended by the Jockey Club in an advertisement published to-day. The circumstances under which passes for servants will be issued are also advertised.

Amongst the passengers who left yesterday for Russia were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Austin, Mr. N. G. Wilson, Mr. Chow Shan-son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons, Mr. D. R. Donnelly and Mr. T. W. Hill.

Supporting. Discriminating against other nations, these proposals have naturally evoked considerable protest abroad. Britain has always followed a policy giving the ships of the world equal chance on the sole basis of efficiency of operation

CANTON NEWS.

INTERNECINE FIGHTING.

CIVIL GOVERNOR CANDIDATE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Feb. 23.

Reports from Shihing state that comparatively heavy fighting has taken place in the Sam Lo district between Kwangsi and Kwangtung troops owing to the latter refusing to evacuate the approaches to Shihing and retire to Loting to make way for Kwangsi soldiers from Canton.

Another unconfirmed report states that several hundred houses in the vicinity of Shihing were destroyed by incendiaries on the part of retreating troops.

According to the veracious press Dr. Sun favours the appointment of Tsin Shu-tung as Civil Governor and he has announced that he will not establish a government either as President or Commander-in-Chief.

NGAI BONG-PING.

WHAT IS HE DOING?

In view of the rumpus current at the time that General Ngai Bong-ping's recent detention met with the approval of Dr. Sun Yat-sen—his captors hinted that he was made a prisoner because of his disloyalty to the Kuomintang—the fact that Ngai did not come into the foreground during Dr. Sun's stay here should prove interesting.

Last Saturday, when the "President Jefferson" arrived, Ngai was at the Tung Tin restaurant, West Point, with some of the Sun Co. directors. He was not in the party that proceeded to Canton by the "Huang-shan" for on Wednesday evening, he was entertained by a number of the district commercial associations.

Since his inclinations during the recent crisis appeared to be pro-Sun, it seems curious that he is not back in Canton to resume the position he relinquished last June.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Anjou, (Wing Tai & Co.) from Kowloon—Co's Wharf.

Druts, (J. M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow—West Point.

Yatshing, (J. M. & Co.) from Bang-kok, Swatow—C35.

Saichoh, (Yue Woo) from Canton, C41.

Palembang, (A. P. C.) from Balik-papan—North Point.

Iyo Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Seattle, Manila—Kowloon Wharf.

Ambusa Maru, (O.S.K.) from Keelung, Swatow—Co's Wharf.

Newchwang (B. & S.) from Canton, C17.

Heijan Maru, (M.B.K.) from Canton—Wanchai.

Tokei Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) from Canton—Wanchai.

Helios, (Kung Chung) from West Point.

DEPARTURES.

Tean, (B. & S.) for Saigon—February 22.

Iohang, (B. & S.) for Canton—February 22.

Jaco, (Pacific Mail) for Calcutta, Singapore—February 22.

Yueyengwa, (Cheong Fat) for Quinhon, Tonkine—February 23.

Yuenasang, (J. M. & Co.) for Manila—February 23.

Kusichow, (B. & S.) for Canton—February 23.

Tjisondzi, (J.C.J.L.) for Saigon—February 23.

Halman, (Lee Bong Kee) for Bangkok—February 23.

Apoey, (Wo Fat Sing) for Canton—February 23.

Chengtu, (B. & S.) for Foochow—February 23.

Hongsang, (J. M. & Co.) for Canton—February 23.

Newchwang, (B. & S.) for Saigon—February 23.

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presented the latter with a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which they had been treated whilst staying here.

Mention must also be made of the splendid support the Public gave the Association both during the trial games and the Interport matches.

The Shanghai players left yesterday by the "Empress of Russia" and as the ship steamed out of the harbour one could see the captured Hongkong flag at the masthead. It is to be hoped the locals will be able to retrieve it when they visit Shanghai next spring.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

GREEN ISLAND MEETING SURPRISE.

SHAWHOCOME'S INQUISITION.

I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any question which shareholders may desire to put. The invitation with which the chairman's speech traditionally concludes at company meetings is not often, in Hongkong at any rate, taken advantage of; to the extent it was at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Company, limited which was held at the office of the General Manager (Messrs. Shawhcome and Company) this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shawhcome presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, Father Robert and Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard and A. O. Lang (Directors) and Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary). The shareholders who attended were: Messrs. W. J. Stokes, C. H. Lyson, Tse Tsin tai, M. S. Northcote, A. Stevenson, A. A. Cordeiro, W. J. Hawker, W. T. Shawhcome, H. Smythe, F. P. de V. Soares, Poon F'Cho, Yu Chung Shu, W. J. Carroll and J. M. Alves.

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen: With your permission as the report and account have been in your hands for some days, I will take them as read.

In my remarks last year, I said we were beginning to feel the competition of cheap brands of European cement and we had to contend with this competition throughout the year. Prices have been lower in consequence so that we have not been able to repeat the record profits made in 1921. The result, however, I trust you will consider satisfactory under all the circumstances. The net profit, including the sum of \$100,017.80 brought forward from last year amounts to \$1,017,798.68, out of which we have already paid an interim dividend of \$200,000—leaving a balance at the credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$817,798.68, which we recommend be dealt with as follows:

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share ... \$600,000.00 To place to reserve for ... 50,000.00 To write off Buildings and Machinery at our Macao Works, an additional ... 50,000.00 To donate to War Memorial Hospital ... 5,000.00 To Bonus to Staff ... 14,162.90 To carry forward to credit of next year's a/c ... 98,633.68 \$17,798.58

As regard the future I do not care to prophecy, but exchange is in our favour and if it continues to fall, it will be of good assistance to us in competing with brands from home.

With regard to additional machinery, we went very carefully into this matter and found that since the war, a new type of kiln had come into vogue on the Continent, and we accordingly instructed our Works Manager, Mr. Arnott, when at home, to look into this before we decided to purchase a Rotary Kiln. The result is that he recommends our experimenting with these new mechanical grata kilns. Fortunately for us our present almost obsolete Aalborg Kilns can be transformed into these new Kilns, and the result of the trial, we anticipate, will be of great benefit to this Company. The cost of erection, will be comparatively small, as we can then utilize our present Aalborg Kilns instead of having to scrap them, and the working cost will be very much less. Our technical advisers see no great difficulty in transforming the Aalborg into mechanical grata kilns, and are sanguine that the results will be favourable. We shall only begin with two Aalborgs, but we have fourteen, all of which could be converted in time into these new kilns, and so increase the output very considerably; but to convert the whole fourteen would be a very large undertaking and it would probably be years before we would dispose of such an increased quantity of cement.

Increased output means, of course, more grinding and other machinery in proportion and a considerable expenditure of funds, but the whole expenditure will show a very great saving on the cost of the rotary kilns we had intended to order.

The dust collecting plant, owing to circumstances beyond our control, has cost us more than we anticipated (i.e. \$150,000.) but I am glad to say it has done what it was expected to do and has eliminated the dust nuisance from the rotary kilns entirely. There now only remains the smoke, and this complaint, although we have already reduced the smoke very considerably by the use of mechanical stokers, will also be entirely removed as soon as we can install electric power (which is now being done) from the mechanical

grate kilns, we are told, there will be no dust and the smoke will be negligible.

Our Deep Water Bay Works show a small loss, I am sorry to say, owing to the poor demand for pipes last year. As, however, there is a very great demand for ordinary building bricks, we have decided to put up a kiln for making these bricks, as at present prices there should be a fair margin of profit.

Turning to the Accounts, you will notice that we gave during last year a sum of \$1,000 to the Swatow Relief Fund, and in the allocation of profits for last year, you will see that we propose to donate a sum of \$6,000 as a contribution to the War Memorial Hospital, which I trust will meet with your approval.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS.

LIME STONE SUPPLY.

When Mr. D. G. M. Bernard had seconded the resolution Mr. W. T. Shawhcome fired at the Chairman a barrage of questions which lasted for several minutes.

Mr. W. T. Shawhcome:—Can you tell me anything about lime stones. Are you getting them in any larger quantities?

The Chairman:—Certainly not in larger quantities, owing to the trouble in Kwangtung.

Mr. Shawhcome:—Have you any other sources of supply?—We hope to get some in the New Territories, but we have not got them yet.

Mr. Shawhcome:—Will that make a saving?—Oh, yes, we hope to make a saving if we can work this quarry in the New Territory. We have got some samples and they are very promising.

Mr. Shawhcome:—Nothing very definite yet, then?—Well, it is definite.

Will it make you independent of Canton?—I should not like to say "independent" but it will be a great help to us.

COAL ECONOMY.

With regard to coal consumption, are you making any economy in that?—You will see that there will be a great economy with these new kilns.

Regarding the coal you use, is there not some talk about using coal dust?—Unless we get these new kilns we know of no other economy, but the new kilns will use a cheaper coal.

LAND AT HOK YUN.

What about the land you have got at Hok Yuen. I see that stands on the books at \$106,000. Was that its cost price?—No, it was written up some years ago.

Can you give me any idea of the market value of the land?—Not better than you can yourself.

What is its approximate value?—I should think about \$2.50 per foot.

And it stands in the books at \$12.—Yes.

TOO MUCH ON FIXED DEPOSIT?

I see you have on fixed deposit about 14 lakhs. Is that not rather much to keep on fixed deposit seeing it is only earning five per cent?—Well, six lakhs will go away in dividend.

Well that will still leave a large amount?—Yes, but we have been keeping that to send to London for the new kilns. We may be wanting it at any time.

Don't you think it would be better if this money were invested in local stocks?—I see several local companies have made profits from local investments?—We cannot gamble in local stocks.

MACAO WORKS.

I see that the Macao works have been written off another \$50,000. I suppose that is very much below the value of them?—What is the value of it?—We cannot sell it.

But I suppose it is below the cost of replacement?—Of course these works are obsolete now.

DUST PLANT RESERVE.

How about this dust plant?—I see there has been some alteration in the system of accounts. Last year you had a special reserve of \$100,000 for it. Now you have altered that and debited it from the cost of buildings and machinery. What was the idea of altering that system instead of leaving it as it was?—Because we have spent that sum. As a matter of fact it was the auditors who instructed us to do that way.

But does that not seem rather confusing?—It would have been better to have left it as it was, don't you think?—I am not going to criticize the auditors.

CASTLE PEAK PROPERTY.

Castle Peak property, you have written, that down 10 per cent. That has not depreciated in value, I suppose?—Not that I know of.

What is the idea of this Castle Peak property?—In this we are proceeding to transferring the factory to Castle Peak, as far as possible.

Or to any other place?—No, the cost would be enormous.

Well, what is the idea then of leaving the Castle Peak property?

We are in the best of agreement

SPECIAL CABLE.

NOTED TENNIS PLAYER.

A. W. GORE PASSING THROUGH HONGKONG.

(China Mail Special.)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 23.

Mr. A. W. Gore, who was three times tennis champion of England, has arrived here on his way to Shabu.

ROBBER SHOT.

EXCITING AFFAIR AT YAUMATI.

An armed robbery at Arthur Street Yaumati, yesterday afternoon resulted in one of the desperadoes being shot by a *lukong* after a chase. Another was arrested some distance from the scene of the affair, with some of the stolen property on his possession.

Taking advantage of the fact that the inmates, four women and a man, were engrossed in a game of *Ma Chau* the four robbers gained admittance and threatened the players with daggers. Adopting the usual *modus operandi* of first binding and gagging the unfortunate gamblers, the robbers had secured loot to the value of \$218 when a *lukong* woman arrived and gave the alarm.

At the end of Arthur Street the robbers, who had run off, dispersed in different directions. Near the pumping station, the man from the house succeeded with others in capturing one robber, who had thrown away his shoe to help his flight.

In Shang'ai Street another robber was fired at twice by a Chinese constable, one bullet going right through him and the other lodging in his head.

The robber staggered a few paces, drew out a handkerchief to wipe the blood from his mouth, again reeled and then fell dead.

Mr. Dyer Ball said the complainant was Mr. Cho Man yet, account of the *kwong ching* Cheung furniture shop of Molly Wood Road. At 8 p.m. on January 6, the prisoners came to the shop and after calling Mr. Cho to the doorway, No. 1 left a letter on a chest of drawers and then both walked out.

The letter said "At present our

brothers have important matters in hand and we ask you for a loan of \$500. Immediately on receipt of this letter meet us at the Cheung Yee teahouse, Saingyipun. Do not dare to fail." It was signed "Tung Yee Shih."

Mr. Cho took the letter to the police and did not keep the appointment. Nothing more was heard of the prisoners until January 12, when they once again accompanied by three other men, No. 1 asked "What about the letter?" and when Mr. Cho asked "What letter?" said

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(Proceeding.)

OLD WOMAN ROBBED.

A "DOCTOR OF HERBS."

Before the Chief Justice and a Jury composed of Messrs. J. H. Scott (foreman), A. H. Neaves, F. R. Gledhill, J. C. Botho, A. Carmichael, C. H. W. Kew and H. W. Fetterly, a Chinese named Lou Hon-bin alias Lau Tung, was charged to-day with robbery from the person of a woman named Lo Ng-mui, at Yaumati on January 20, of one gold ring and \$25.20 in money.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, said the victim of the robbery was an old woman of 72 years, who lived in an unnumbered house Shanghai Street, Yaumati, and described herself as a "doctor of herbs." At 8 a.m. on January 20, prisoner came to her house and asked her to come and see someone who was very ill. The woman went with him. Prisoner took her to an out of the way spot, where, it was alleged by the woman, he committed an indecent offence on her and then stole the ring and money which were kept in a purse in her girdle.

Later the same day, Inspector Murphy went with the woman to a house in Samshipo where she identified the prisoner and he was arrested.

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18TH CENTURY FRENZIES.

SOME FOLLIES OF OUR ANCESTORS.

"Some Popular Frenzies of the Eighteenth Century" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr. Asquith at the Working Men's College, Crowndale-road, St. Pancras. It was one of a series being given during the winter. The right hon. gentleman, who had a very cordial reception, said it might be well at the beginning of a new year to turn away our eyes and our mind from the somewhat depressing outlook which presented itself to us at this moment in almost every quarter of the world, and to go back into the past and to find, perhaps, some consolation for what we saw and suffered in a brief survey of the follies of our ancestors. The eighteenth century was one of the eras in which he thought it would have been most comfortable, most respectable, to have lived. That century, it was true, was marked in its latter half by some of the greatest uprisings in history. One was the revolt of our American Colonies, which, after spluttering and flickering for years, and more than once seeming to go out, led, with the aid of France and Spain, to American independence. The other was the French Revolution—a conflagration which swept everything before it and left behind in Continental Europe not only a new map, but a large and more lasting legacy. We were, however, then free at home from any serious upheaval, and there was little change in the form and practice of our Constitution. Few people, Mr. Asquith proceeded, "now realize that in 1763—which is the date Pitt's great administration came to an end—England had reached an international eminence which, since the time of Cromwell, she never before or afterwards attained." The eighteenth century he declared to be, on the whole, a period of moderation, sobriety, and "sane." In the literary field it produced Fielding, Richardson, Sterne, Johnson, and other great writers unsurpassed in any corresponding

space of time except in the Victorian era. In religion there was Bishop Butler, who, once asked, "Why might not communities as well as individuals be subject to fits of insanity?" "If ever that be true," remarked Mr. Asquith, "it is true of the times in which he lives." (Laughter and cheers.) Mr. Asquith then dealt with three episodes in the history of the eighteenth century. There was the case of Sacheverell, whose single sermon at St. Paul's nearly led to civil war. "One may doubt," observed the lecturer, "whether even the formidable dialectic of the accomplished Dean who now presides in the Chapter in our more emotional and historical age could accomplish such an achievement." Then there was the case of John Wilkes, whose criticism of the King was voted false, scandalous, and seditious, and whose newspaper, "The North Briton," was ordered to be burnt by the public hangman. (Laughter.) Wilkes was sent to prison, but afterwards he became the idol of the populace, and was returned to Parliament, and then exiled. Alluding to another frenzy of the eighteenth century—the "No-Popery" riots of Lord George Gordon, Mr. Asquith said: "In two of these cases we had an unreasonable outbreak of popular delirium. I have brought these things to your notice, because they seem to supply, perhaps, a necessary corrective of the current notions of the eighteenth century. They show that there are always underlying the surface inscrutable reasons, unforeseeable motives, and ineluctable results—showing the superficial crust which separates an ordered society from anarchy and destruction. I am not going to point any moral." (Laughter.)

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February 23.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Merrie England."

February 24.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., Grand Farewell Variety Performance.

February 25.—26.—Kowloon Theatre: Frank Keenan in "Smouldering Embers."

—SOCIAL.

March 6.—Fancy dress ball in aid of the S.P.C.A., at City Hall, at 9.30 p.m.

March 7.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society's Concert.

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March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 4.—Fourth tourney of the Hongkong Boxing Association at Theatre Royal, at 9.15 p.m. Two championship contests.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 24.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ordinary yearly meeting, City Hall, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

February 23.—A public meeting re The Housing Problem, at City Hall 5.30 p.m.

February 26.—Society of St. George, annual meeting, City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

March 8.—Public Meeting to discuss the better education of British children in Hongkong, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

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Nevertheless, even if the number of converts is a little exaggerated, the committee has made a good start and deserves, we are told, to be congratulated. "There is a new ideal, but it is one worth bearing in mind." As the *Monitor* recalls—

"Dean Ramsey used to tell of an old Scottish lady who mourned with him over her brother's habit of swearing. 'Our John's awful,' she said, 'and we try to correct him,' and then she added in a tone of candid apology. 'Nae doot it is a gran' sort off to conversation.'

"A number of kings would have made fitting subjects for the efforts of this committee; for example, James I, of England. It may be remembered that, in this particular case, history records that Lord Herbert of Cherbury tried to explain away his bad habit by saying 'My master has such a kind heart, he can never bring himself to punish offenders so he commits the chastisement of them to heaven.'

"Singularly enough, this very King's grandson, Charles II, had strong views on this matter, and issued a proclamation against swearing. It is recorded that the Count de Grammont, on leaving for Paris with his bride, was sorely afflicted by the ill-temper someone had done him late with the King, by charging him with an offence which Charles particularly detested. Sir Christopher Wren posted notices on St. Paul's that any labourer who swore should be immediately dismissed, and the contractors were held responsible for the conduct of their men.

"So, it will be seen, the Veronese committee is not starting on a new crusade. When they have converted the odd 25 per cent. of their own citizens who have hitherto refused to listen to reason they may find a wide field for their efforts elsewhere."

"EAST OF SUEZ."

A REALISTIC PRODUCTION.

No play provokes a more lively discussion between the acts than "East of Suez," Mr. Somerset Maugham's play now enjoying a successful run at His Majesty's Theatre.

Visitors to London from the East and Londoners who have visited China are stirred to reminiscences by the realistic Peking scene, which forms a prologue to the play. The few moments during which it lasts are for them teeming with memories.

Women playgoers are greatly interested in the make-up of Miss Moppet Albane as the central figure of the tragedy, and of Miss Marie Autel as an old Chinese woman. Miss Albane's make-up on checkbones and eyes cleverly conveys the Eurasian origin of the character. Miss Autel's Chinese make-up is so good that when recently she went from the theatre to a fancy dress ball in her stage costume some of the audience refused to believe that she did not belong by birth to the Celestial Empire.

With the unusually beautiful settings, the passion and problems of the play itself, and the brilliant acting, "East of Suez" is one of the most interesting productions the West End has seen for many a day.

ROUND THE WORLD.

MISS MARIE TEMPEST'S IMPRESSIONS.

HONGKONG'S LOVELY HARBOUR.

I cannot, positively cannot, tell you all about my tour, writes Miss Marie Tempest in the *Daily Telegraph*. Suppose I asked you what you had been doing for the last eight years? what sort of account could you give of yourself? Some impressions, then? Ah, there, perhaps, I may be able to satisfy you. At any rate, I'll try. But you'll let me off the theatre, won't you?

Australia, a drier, warmer England; up north more exotic, but English all the same. New Zealand more so, and the people very like our own—no big houses, everyone well to do, no poor—a happy country. Geyser, hot springs, Maoris. An exciting place, but, after sightseeing, the wonderful trout-fishing. My best catch was an eight-pounder, but one can see stupefied specimens of 22lb. There are wild pigs, descendants of those Captain Cook left; deer, imported, I fancy, and heaps of birds—a sportsman's paradise.

Tasmania—fishing again, and old buildings and roads made by the convicts; the Tasmanians say the convicts' descendants all emigrated to Victoria in the gold rush. The Victorians claim that this is false, or, if not, that they went further afield later.

Impressions of long, mountainous waves in the stormy southern seas—tramps on the way to the front, all fine lads and very well behaved. They drilled outside my cabin for three weeks, and I never heard a foul word.

That's one of my memories of Australian soldiers. But oh, those seas! Shall I ever forget them?

Durban, a well-built town, wide streets, fine buildings, motor cars, electric trams, and down the street prancing like a war-horse, a giant in a short kilt of red and white, and on his head a huge pair of ox-horns, feathers, and dyed grasses—the first rishia boy. At the streets flower sellers, some sort of Indian natives, Malay women with starched white garments. Chinese—a riot of colour.

Here is no England, I gasped! Motor-ing to Maritzburg, we met all sorts of wonderful people—a Zulu chief, a fat cap-a-pie, followed by his wives, the youngest, innocent of any garment, in a short kilt, a superb young creature. A Kaffir dance, thousands of them, in full kit in the streets of Johannesburg, happened on my arrival, and never again. That day was wonderful—I saw everything, somehow, all at once.

Impression of Johannesburg: Grey mountains of silt from the mines, and a great difficulty in breathing. Cape Town and Cape of Good Hope, charming Dutch houses, and a wonderful drive forty miles long by the most brilliantly coloured sea in the world. The falls of the Zambezi overwhelming, bewildering, frightening. Rhodes's grave, the most impressive sight of my whole journey—alone in the Matopas—twenty miles from the nearest town, on a plateau towering over a sea of kopjes extending to the horizon. Surely the most striking burial spot in the world

A STRIKING SPECTACLE.

Mozambique, blinding sunshine, pink and yellow houses, and a sea so vivid that it hurt the eyes. Dark, narrow Arab Zanzibar, unspoiled, and unchanged since the days the huge doors were built with spikes to keep out the elephants of the slave raiders. Bible pictures at every corner. Suddenly out of one of these doors bursts a crowd of veiled women chattering like parrots and looking like macaws. Then, round the corner, a high slave—scarlet, running at full speed to clear the way for a Lord Mayor's coach—the Sultan! Allah! be praised! He passes, never even looking at me! Oh! how an escape!

Impression a typhoon, omnino electric blue sky, oily sea, a feeling of oppression amounting almost to terror. I remembered my Conrad, and cowered. All night, lightning crackled round the whole arch of the horizon, strange birds sat on our rigging, the sunset was red and glowering, everyone nervous and irritable. By good luck it missed us by two days. But the sea, as it was, was bad enough as we crossed its track.

Bombay, wonderful city, our first view of the East, and intoxicating as the East can be. The Taj Mahal Hotel, with endless corridors and high, vault-like rooms; airless, sweltering days, as evening falls a cool breeze from the beautiful bay, when all the world turns out in carriages and motors to drive round the sea front and the Maidan; rich Parsees, Jews, Indian merchants, Puritan women, English officers, Chinese, coolies, natives in lovely reds and yellows strolling on foot. Overhead, the kites always hovering. If I were asked for my first impression of the East, I think I should say the kites.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE TABLES.

DIVISION II.

Results to Saturday, Jan. 13 (Inclusive).

	Goals.
Notts County	24 14 2 6 15 11 22
Bury	24 12 2 6 15 11 22
Leeds	24 10 2 6 15 11 21
Blackpool	25 10 2 6 15 11 22
Leicester U.	24 11 2 6 15 11 21
Derby County	24 10 7 7 31 23 27
West Ham	24 11 5 8 30 24 25
South Shields	24 10 6 8 22 23 24
Port Vale	24 9 4 11 23 26 22
Coventry	24 10 8 12 29 25 23
Hull City	24 7 10 25 26 21
Nottingham	25 6 8 11 24 20
Bradford C	24 9 10 10 20 19 10
Crys. Palco	25 6 8 14 20 42 17
Chpton	24 8 12 19 32 19 11
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DIVISION III.

Results to Saturday, Jan. 13 (Inclusive).

	Goals.
Nelson	20 13 1 6 34 25 27
Bradford	21 10 6 5 33 20 26
Chesterfield	20 11 3 6 43 26 25
Wigan B.	20 10 5 6 26 18 25
Rochedale	21 0 7 6 26 18 25
Stalybridge	10 10 4 6 26 14 24
Walsall	20 9 6 6 24 26 24
Warrington	19 8 5 6 28 23 21
Darlington	7 7 7 6 22 19 21
Lincoln C.	21 7 7 8 20 23 21
Accrington	21 8 7 6 22 23 20
Crowe A.	21 7 6 9 22 23 20
Southport	21 7 6 8 22 23 20
Hartlepools	21 7 6 8 22 23 20
Barrow	21 7 6 11 27 23 17
Ashington	22 8 4 18 23 24 16
Wrexham	20 6 5 6 17 20 20
Grimby C.	19 6 2 10 27 27 16
Northam R.	22 4 7 8 21 31 13
Trafford R.	22 4 6 13 22 20 13

SOUTHERN SECTION.

Results to Saturday, Jan. 13 (Inclusive).

	Goals.
Bristol C.	20 16 5 6 30 23 27
Swansea	24 14 2 6 31 14 0
Plymouth	24 12 6 6 33 26 30
Northampton	23 10 7 6 33 18 27
Brighton	23 10 6 7 31 20 26
Portsmouth	24 11 4 6 28 26 26
Swindon	24 8 9 6 33 19 21
Luton	24 9 8 6 33 23 24
Norwich	23 8 7 6 27 23 23
Charlton	23 6 10 7 29 23 22
Exeter C.	23 9 10 4 24 21 22
Queen's P.R.	24 7 7 6 29 25 21
Bristol R.	24 6 9 7 17 20 21
Merthyr	22 6 8 21 27 20
Brentford	23 3 11 25 31 21
Southend	22 6 10 6 26 32 18
Reading	24 4 8 12 20 38 18
Gillingham	23 5 4 13 23 35 11
Newport C.	24 7 12 19 35 15
Aberdeen	23 4 3 18 44 21

FROM THE HEART OF CHINA

Calcutta—Oliver, Hastings, Francis, the Lawrence and Campbells—the ghosts are there. One might speak of it as Cheltenham by the Ganges, with motors driven at reckless speed by the Sikhs, turbanned and, I think, spired. The Maidan race meetings—turbaned Rajahs.

Rangoon—little, gay, smiling women and temples. The Shwe Dagon—hundreds of steps to a plateau, where the huge Shwe Dagon raises its gilded dome hundreds of feet; at the base a thousand smaller monuments in gold and scarlet. On these are the famous bells—always tinkling while the deep note of the priests' gong proclaims to the world a good deed done in memory of the saintly Buddha.

Penang, where John Chinaman has captured the town, and the easy-going Malay is bowed to the outskirts, to live in hovels raised on piles at the water's edge. Through the Straits Settlements it was always the same.

The prevailing belief that Friday is an unlucky day rests upon the fact that in olden days Friday was the usual day selected for the execution of criminals, because on Good Friday Christ was crucified between two thieves.

Like so many other superstitions, the thirteen-at-table is appropriated to a Scriptural origin. In this case the idea that one of the twelve will die during the ensuing year and that one will be he or she who leaves the table first, is traced to the Last Supper. But the superstition is far more likely to be based on a rough average of the expectation of life at the period, when the salt was used as an emblem of hospitality.

One of the oldest established superstitions is the unlikeness of spilling salt. That is obviously explainable by the widely observed custom of using salt as an evidence of friendship or an emblem of hospitality. Therefore, if the salt be spilled the inference is plain. But it puzzles me to imagine why, when the mischief has occurred, the dire consequences can be avoided by throwing a pinch of salt over the shoulder.

The ill-luck which attends the breaking of a looking-glass is hard to explain, although it has been suggested that it has something to do with the distortion of the reflected image by reason of the injury to the mirror.

The severely practical decline to see a superstition in the unlikeness of walking beneath a ladder, and merely point to the prudence of avoiding anything that may fall from the doing of the workman up aloft.

The pious mind is inclined to connect it with the taking down of the Saviour by means of a ladder.

Why one still turns one's money and wishes (some people courtesy) to the new moon is to be found in our old worship of the Goddess Luna, and the wish-in-but-the-removal of our prayer to the Pagan Deity, but I have never seen an explanation of the ill-luck of first catching sight of the new moon through glass. So, many people now wear spectacles that our implements of bad luck.

The luck of the black cat comes to us from Egypt. The superstition that interests me is that quaint observance that it is lucky to be kissed under the mistleto. I know the story of Frigg, the mother of Baldur, of Scandinavian mythology, but it seems a "thin" sort of origin for an observance of such ancient importance.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSOR LOOTS.

Siamese Twins Separated.

A successful operation separating a pair of Siamese twins, Ruth and Sylvia Zaretsky, born on November 2, was reported in Brooklyn by Dr. Phil Minberg, a specialist in obstetrics (says *Reuter* from New York.) When the twins were born the head of one was under the chin of the other and joined to the chest. One weighed 5lb, and the other 5lb. The mother consented to the operation. Both children are healthy.

Too Many Coppers.

A notice has been issued by the Mint requesting large business interests, such as banks and railway companies, who act as clearing houses for the coining of the realm, to withhold from circulation and return to the Mint all copper coin of uncrowned Queen Victoria stampage.

The reason assigned for this is that

there are at present too many copper coins in circulation, and as the penny pieces showing the head of Queen Victoria "uncrowned" are the most worn, they are regarded as the most suitable pieces to be withdrawn.

The Japanese Toy Trade.

The complete collapse of the Japanese toy trade with foreign countries, following the war boom, was a surprise to many people who had believed that the Japanese people had unique opportunities and unusual aptitude in this industry. Germany rapidly recaptured the principal markets, Japanese toys becoming very unpopular, probably because of their flimsiness. Last year's trade shows a very slight improvement, the value of toys exported in the first ten months being Y6 087,265, a sum Y6,005,566 for the corresponding period of last year. The value of the 1920 exports for a like period was more than three times as high. Prices being lower last year, the increase in quantity of exports is probably larger than the increase in value. A *Tokio* paper says the Japanese manufacturers are hopeful of winning larger markets. They will have a better chance when the German exchange rate goes higher, but their future depends mainly on their maintaining a high standard of quality.

Names for Houses.

Nothing sticks like a house name, and so nothing should be more carefully chosen. Yet the fact is that there is, as a rule, far less trouble taken about the choice of the name than the choice of the stair carpet (comments a writer in *John o' London's Weekly*.) The fault, of course, lies largely with the speculative builder, who dearly loves to label his creation with some such hybrid title as "Bella Vista." Or else he takes a name from the newspaper of the day.

Walking through the suburbs of any English town you can tell at a glance the date of half the houses you pass by the names on the gates. "Aveson," you may be sure, was built about 1897, and "Kimberley" or "Pretoria" three or four years later. The Great War is already commemorated by scores of names of places where battles were fought. We find French, Italian, Turkish, and Egyptian names so used. A house in a street or road should have a name, but not a name, but the case is different when it comes to a house built in the country. Here the house must have a name, and it is most necessary that the name should be appropriate. Unless that new house stands upon the site of an old abbey, grange, or manor, it is entirely wrong to give it any such designation. I remember a case in which a rich man built a brand new house in the West Country and called it something Court. The comments of his neighbours were caustic. Sometimes the difficulty may be solved by the large-scale ordnance map. The field itself in which the house is built may have an old name of its own: sometimes the lie of the land, a brook, a fork, a clump of trees, or a knoll may give a name. "High Beeches," "Straneford," "Hardlands" are examples in point.

"Badger's Holt" and "Pixies' Knoll" are better ones. If you want to realize how beautiful house names can be, study your *Kipling*, "High Pardons," "Rookets," "Griffons," and "Gale Anstey"—these names please, one like the scent of moist earth after a summer shower.

Dr. Herbert Ashby Gaiskell, 49, ophthalmic surgeon to Southend Corporation, and a member of the Ronton Society, also late senior house surgeon to Guy's Hospital, London, died at Westcliff nursing home after a month's illness.

A nurse at Swansea Hospital, who opened the door of an ambulance which had brought two injured men to the institution, was shocked to find one of them to be her brother. Both men had been severely burnt at an explosion at Tylepens Colliery, Cwmbran.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

DISCUDED DEAR G.H.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

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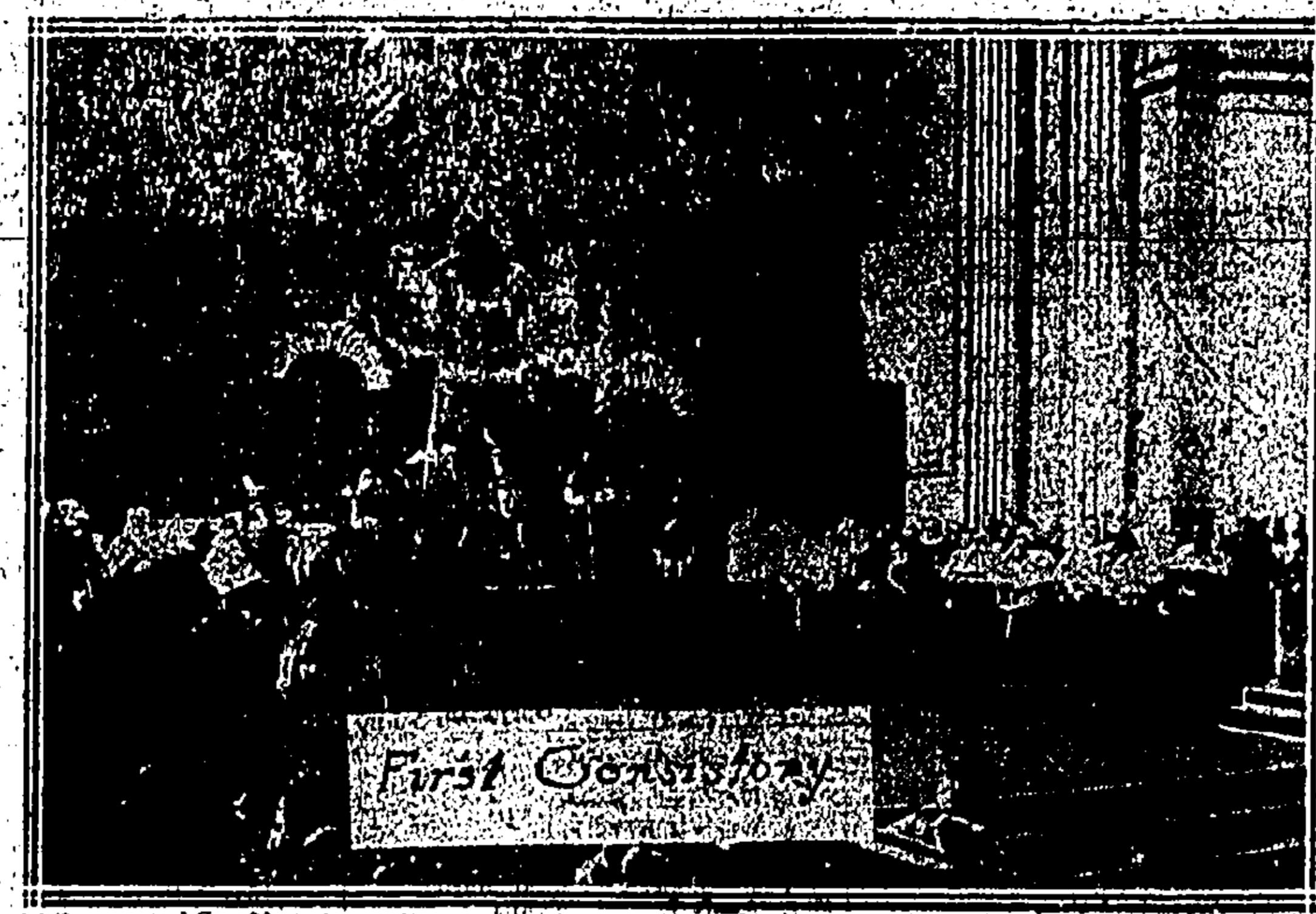


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Colonel T. E. Lawrence, C.B., D.S.O.

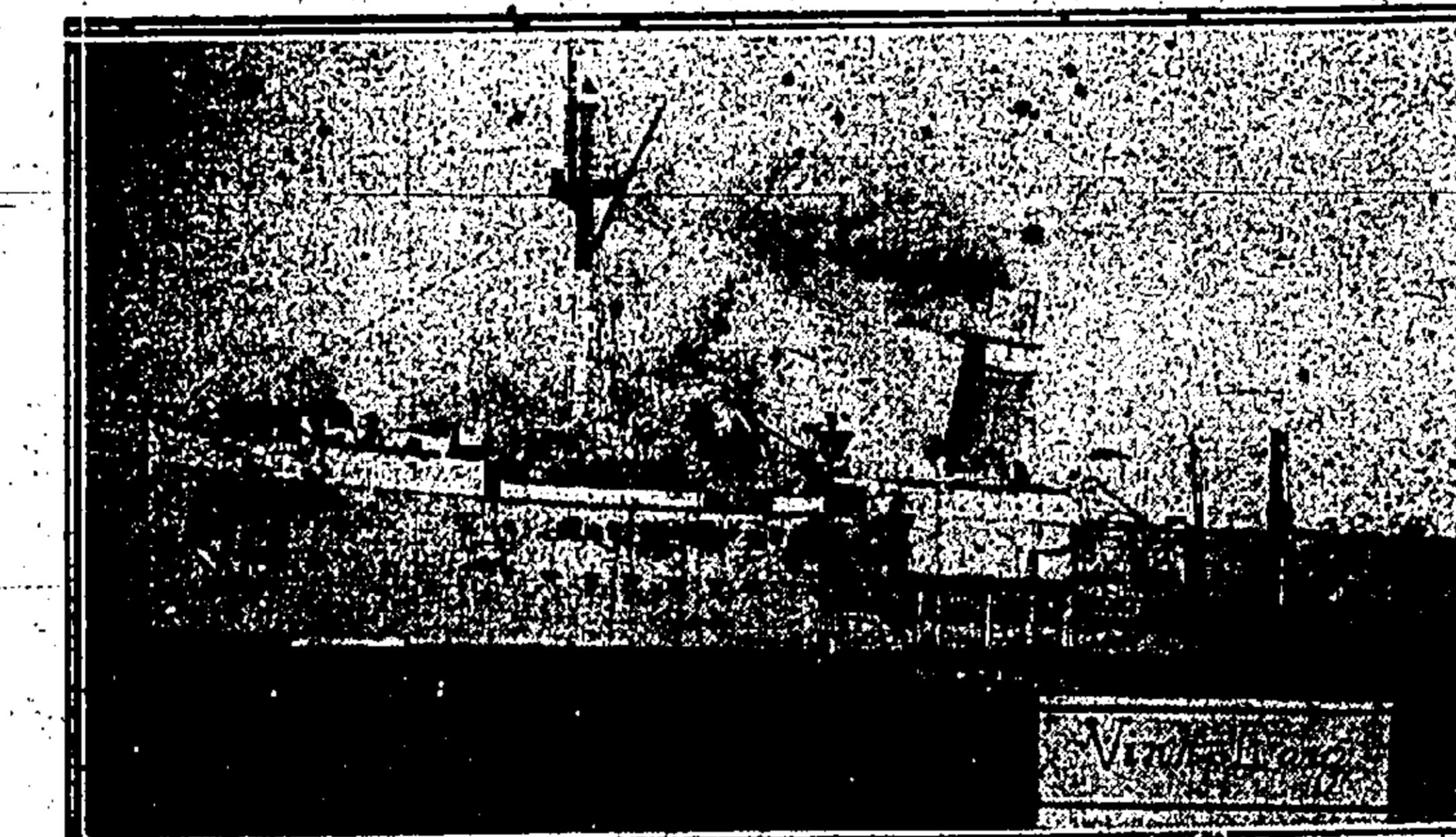
Colonel T. E. Lawrence, C.B., D.S.O., whose brilliant achievements in Arabia have won him world renown—praise from the Allies and £7,000 reward for his head from the Turks—has been heard from again. This romantic figure—student, archaeologist, linguist, diplomat and soldier—has been serving for the past four months as a humble mechanic in the air Force both to get freedom for writing and to get new material. His original manuscript was stolen from him three years ago in a train. His identity, for he used an assumed name, was discovered during a kit inspection, when an officer noticed that he had books in English, French, Italian, German and Arabic in his possession.



Pope Pius XI at his first consistory, held in Rome, at which several new cardinals were created.



America's Chief Justice, Mr. William Howard Taft and eight senior Judges Circuit recently held a conference with President Harding to discuss the handling of business in the Federal Courts.



This photograph shows the burning of the huge French capital ship 'Vinh-Long', which was destroyed while carrying doctors, nurses and supplies from Toulon to the Near East. An American destroyer picked up her distress signal and bearing alongside, was able to save several hundred lives. Twenty people were killed.



Mr. Asquith, former Premier, is reported ready to accept the post of British Ambassador to the United States, taking the place of Sir Auckland Geddes, who, it is said, is ready to retire.



Justice Howard H. Kemp

Crown Point, Indiana, is known as the American Gretna Green and it is asserted more people are married there yearly than in any other town in the United States. But the warmth of young love couldn't keep Justice of the Peace Howard H. Kemp, the marrying Justice, warm during the coal famine. Accordingly he gathered up the hundreds of boxes that had contained wedding rings, which had been left in his office, and kept the home fires burning.

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FAR INDIA IS.**

**NEITHER DO YOU.
HERE COMES A GUY
THAT CAN SPEAK
ENGLISH. I'LL ASK
HIM.**

**SAY KIN
YOU TELL
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WELL BE
IN INDIA?**

**WELL—I'VE
BEEN ON THIS
ROAD FOR TWO
YEARS AND I**

**FOR GOODNESS' SAKE: WHERE
DID YOU GIT ON?**

BRINGING UP FATHER

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

(Ruter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE RUHR OCCUPATION.

ESSEN, February 21.
The milder regime now being enforced, and the remarkably few troops in the streets is attributed to the change in command since the February 10. Furthermore, the French are evacuating Gelsenkirchen, being satisfied with the seizure of 110 million marks in lieu of the fine which the municipality refused to pay. It is alleged that 30 million marks were obtained by searching the pockets of pedestrians; but the French Authorities deny this.

The burgomasters of Kupferdreh, Warden and Velbert report the arrival of black troops at those places.

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE.

SHANGHAI, February 21.
The Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong has passed a resolution stating that, it should be made an essential condition of the granting of the proposed 2½ per cent. customs surtax that the proceeds therefrom, and from any loan raised for the security thereof, also any funds liberated through the funding of the floating indebtedness of the Chinese Government by means of a surtax or loan, should be devoted firstly, to the re-establishment of China's credit and the placing of China's finances on a sound basis, by making provision to meet the floating indebtedness of the Government; secondly, to the disbandment, under foreign supervision, of all troops except the standing army under the Central Government, and the employment of the disbanded troops in railway construction or similar work, also that the funds should be kept under adequate control in order to secure their use for such purposes. When these objects have been achieved any surplus should be devoted towards the abolition of internal taxation on merchandise, beginning with the coast trade duties.

OBITUARY.

NICE, February 21.
The death is announced of M. Théophile Delcasque, joined the staff of the journal *La République Française* in 1852 as a writer of political articles; was appointed Counsellor-General at Arge, 1888; elected Deputy of Foix, 1889; Under Secretary for Colonies, 1892; Colonial Minister, 1894-95; Foreign Minister, 1898-1905; Minister of Marine, 1905-13; French Ambassador to St. Petersburg, 1913-14; Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1914-15. Deceased was in his 71st year.]

TWO MEN ONE GIRL.

MARRIAGE LICENCE COMEDY.

Two men, both of whom wished to marry the same woman, obtained marriage licences at the register office in Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, in mail week.

The first man, who is midgeted, appeared at the office on Monday, gave all necessary particulars, including the name of his prospective bride, and explained that the wedding would probably take place on Thursday.

On Tuesday the registrar was called upon to enter the same woman's name on a second marriage licence. Just 24 hours after the first man had made his application the second man, an amphetamine director, who is 10 years younger than his rival, appeared, bringing with him the prospective bride, a pretty girl of 21, who has recently appeared in revue in the West End. As their application was perfectly in order the registrar could not do less than give them a licence. They told him that their wedding will take place to-morrow.

The first man, a West End dentist, told a *Daily Mail* reporter that he had known the girl for two years and had been engaged to her for some time. "Three weeks ago we had a difference of opinion, and it was then that I learned for the first time of the other man," he said.

"I was determined to marry her, so I got the licence. When I told her what I had done she resented my action and said she would not marry me. We had tea together to-day and talked the matter over, and she has made up her mind to marry the other man, so now, so far as I am concerned, the matter is at an end."

The woman admitted that she had been engaged to the first man, but added: "Recently I decided that I could not marry him, and told him so, but he would not take 'No' for an answer. I am sorry he did not take me at my word, but it was by no will of mine that he obtained a licence to marry me."

VESSELS DUE FROM SWATOW & BANGKOK.

FROM BOMBAY.

FROM MANILA.

FROM SINGAPORE.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

FROM PORTLAND.

FROM NEW YORK.

FROM VANCOUVER.

FROM SEATTLE.

FROM LOS ANGELES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

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TIME TABLE.

HONGKONG, February 23, 1923.
On London, 10.30 a.m. every 15 minutes.
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30 days' sight, 10.30 a.m. every 15 minutes.
4 months' sight, 10.30 a.m. every 15 minutes.
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SATURDAYS.
Extra Car, 10.30 a.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.	Victoria	
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25.	President Jefferson	
Manila	Shantung	
Shanghai	Wakan Maru	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.	Fusimi Maru	
Japan		
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.	Awa Maru	
Straits	Gabeta	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.	Poco. Grant	
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai		

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For	Per	Times
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.		
Shanghai	Soochow	5 p.m.
Patboi and Haiphong	Van Vollenhoven	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.		
Kiungchow	Chongsang	9 a.m.
Bangkok	Yatabing	11 a.m.
Salon	Haiphong	3 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok and Egypt	Palces	6 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25.		
Swatow, Amoy and Keeling	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.	Eoading	11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok and Egypt	Laomedon	3 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.		
Kiungchow and Haiphong	Leacong	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Fusimi Maru	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiphong	Noon.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.		
Swatow	Hopang	9 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2.		
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Philippine Islands	President Grant	9.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

YOUR DREAMS.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

SECRETS OF THE FOUL.

The great majority of people do not believe that dreams are worth a second thought, but if they know of what value these visions are they would pay strict attention to them; for the dream, when correctly interpreted, shows us the nature of the working of the hidden mind.

Dreams only appear non-sensical because they are always disguised. All disturbing and terrifying dreams represent the hidden mental conflict of matters that are causing us worry or anxiety or fear, which we bottle up in the dim recesses of the mind rather than allow them their natural outlet.

We should have these dreams interpreted for the sake of our mental health, for it is possible to alter the nature of dreams and relieve them of their terror.

You do not recognise its meaning but someone else may.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dongola" for this port on Monday Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. and return on Saturday Feb. 24 at about 9 a.m.

BELGIUM'S TRADE.

MISSION TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

BRUSSELS, February 22: The Belgian Central Industrial Committee gave a reception to the economic mission to Japan. The Japanese Ambassador expressed his conviction that the mission would be most successful. M. Jasper said that Belgium urgently required new outlets abroad for her products to replace the former markets at her doors.

BRUSSELS, January 12: A big effort is being made by Belgian manufacturers, aided by the Government, to extend their foreign trade. Under the auspices of the Comité Central Industriel, a Belgian organization similar to the Federation of British Industries, a mission, comprising representatives of the leading firms of the country, has started for the Far East with the avowed object of recapturing pre-war markets for Belgian goods in China and Japan, which have been practically lost since the war.

A similar mission was organised by the Government about a year ago under the direction of M. Rouffaer, which, during the course of 1922, visited the various South American Republics and carried out a programme of trade propaganda for Belgian industry. Its effects are becoming apparent. Some months ago Brazil placed considerable orders with Belgian metallurgical firms, and now the Argentine Republic has placed an order with the Comptoir des Acieries Belges for 30,000 tons of rails (37 kg.), as well as for railway accessories. A further order for 54,000 tons of rails is announced, and negotiations have been opened in connection with the supply of 25 locomotives and 2,000 wagons.

The Polish Government has just placed an order for 180 locomotives and for railway materials, comprising signals, points, bolts, etc. The total value of foreign orders amounts to hundreds of millions of francs and will have the twofold effect of providing employment and improving the value of the Belgian franc.

The Minister of Finance, M. Theunis, has laid before the Chamber a project for the modification of the Customs tariff; 7,200 articles divided into 21 classes will be affected. The following are the chief points from the point of view of Anglo-Belgian commercial relations:

1. The free entry of raw materials necessary to Belgian industry, as well as essential articles of food which are not produced in sufficient quantity in Belgium.

2. The increase from 10 to 20 per cent. *ad valorem* of the duty on paper, metal goods, glass, engines, machinery, and similar manufactures.

3. Increase from 1 to 5 per cent. on semi-manufactured goods to be finished by Belgian industry.

4. The maximum tariff will be applied to goods from those countries with which there is no reciprocal tariff.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says the economic mission to China and Japan organised by the Comité Central Industriel de Belgique will leave Marseilles for Kobe on February 25. The mission will be under the leadership of the well-known Mons manufacturer, M. Cannon Legrand, who will be accompanied by several technical experts, representing the following:—The Société John Cockrell, the Société Anonyme Ougree Marliave, the Société La Bruguiere et Nicaise et Delcure, the Maison Peltzer, of Verviers, the Forge de la Providence, Longdoz, the Nouvelles Usines Bellinckx, the Cableries du Hainaut, the rolling material manufacturers, the machine tool makers, etc. The mission will also include a delegate of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger.

CRICKET.

INDIAN REC. CLUB v. MR. PONSONBY FANE'S XI.

The following will represent the Indians in the above match to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. at Sookimpoo Valley:—A. el Arculli (capt.), S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, O. Ismail, U. M. Omar, D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, J. Curran, N. B. Kitchell and A. H. Rumjahn.

CIVIL SERVICE 1st XI v. NAVY.

The following will represent Civil Service 1st XI v. Navy in a League fixture at Happy Valley to-morrow commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—A. E. Wood (capt.), G. R. Silver, E. W. Hamilton, B. B. Reed, A. R. Subbaroy, F. J. Ling, W. H. Edmunds, A. W. Grimmett and F. Baker.

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